

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – W.P.(PIL) No.22 of 2017 filed by Sri B. Madhan Kumar Reddy Committee for protection of Reserved Forest Land and Government situated in Sy. No. 696 & 695 of Momidi Village, Chillakur Mandal – Orders of Hon'ble High Court dated 08-10-2025 - Constitution of Committee to examine the issue and submit report – Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 227

Dated: 26-11-2025
Read the following:

1. W.P.(PIL) No:22 of 2017 filed by Sri B.Madhan Kumar Reddy, R/o. Mamidi Village, Chillakur Mandal, SPSR Nellore District.
2. Orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in the WP (PIL) No.22 of 2017, dt.08.10.2025.
3. From the EFS&T Dept., vide single e-file bearing Comp No:3036554, Dated:17.11.2025.
4. From the DM&G, AP single e-file bearing comp no.3041090, Dated:21.11.2025.

O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, a W.P.(PIL) No:22 of 2017 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court of A.P. with a prayer to declare the action of the respondent Nos. 2 to 10 in not taking appropriate steps for protection of Reserved Forest Land and Government situated in Sy. No. 696 & 695 of Momidi Village, Chillakur Mandal in spite of petitioner's representations and in not cancelling the mining lease granted in favour of the 11th respondent i.e. M/s Sri Kumara Swamy Silica Mines and in not taking action against the 11th respondent for excavating mineral in land classified as Reserved Forest and from other than leased area as illegal, arbitrary, malafidy, irresponsible and violative of principles of Natural Justice and consequentially direct the respondent Nos. 2 to 10 to take appropriate steps for conducting survey of the mining area of the 11th respondent with reference to the original revenue records and take appropriate action in accordance with land in the interest of justice.

2. Vide reference 2nd read above, the Hon'ble High Court of A.P., have made the following orders on 08.10.2025:

"The issue that has been highlighted in the present PIL is with regard to the mining rights which were given to private respondent No.11 in regard to Sy.No.696 falling in Momidi Village, which according to the petitioner was forest land.

It appears, as is stated by learned counsel for the respondents, that an area of 92.40 acres in Sy.No.696 was allotted to respondent No.11 for conducting the mining operations.

It is stated that this area which was earlier earmarked as 'Forest Reserve Poramboke' was subsequently reflected as 'Jungle Poramboke' and thus came within the purview of the Revenue Department which subsequently enabled the allotment in favour of respondent No.11 for mining operations.

We fail to understand as to how an area which is otherwise declared as reserved forest could have been reflected as Jungle Poramboke and allotted by the mines department for mining operations.

We direct that a Committee be constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, comprising the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the Principal Secretary of Revenue Department, who shall examine the issue and submit a report to this Court.

In case the Committee finds that the conversion was only with a view to facilitate the allotment of mining rights in favour of respondent No.11, the same be also specifically stated in the report.

The Committee shall also state as to what action it contemplates to initiate against the concerned in case it is found that the reclassification was done for mala fide reasons.

Report be submitted within six weeks.

We are informed that as on date no mining operations are being conducted by respondent No.11 inasmuch as the environmental clearance obtained by respondent No.11 has since been stayed by the orders of the NGT.

Delete from the column 'likely to be declared as infructuous' and list for consideration on 19.11.2025."

3. Government after careful examination of the matter is hereby constitute a Committee with the following Officers to examine the said issue in terms of directions of the Hon'ble High Court in its orders dated 08-10-2025 and submit a report so as enable to place before the Hon'ble High Court:

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| 1. Chief Secretary to Government | Chairman |
| 2. Special Chief Secretary to Government,
Revenue (Lands) Department | Member |
| 3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests | Member |

4. The Environment, Forest, Science & Technology Department/Revenue Department shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PRAVIN KUMAR
PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Members concerned.

Copy to:

The Revenue Department.

The E.F.S.T. Dept.

The OSD to Chief Secretary to Govt.

The PS to Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue (Lands) Department.

The PS to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

The G.P. for E.F.S.T /Revenue(Lands)/ I&C, HC of A.P.

The Director of Mines & Geology, Ibrahimpatnam.

The PS to Prl. Secy.(Mines)

The OSD to Minister (M&G).

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SECTION OFFICER